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Reply to  
Attn. of:

To: Docket No. NHTSA 2001-10073; Notice 1

On October 24, 2001, Ann Wilson of the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) phoned with a question about the proposed factors for "substantially similar" in the Foreign Defect notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

She reported that some of RMA's members were puzzled over the Early Warning Reporting aspects of the proposed definition, and wondered why RMA's comments had not been addressed in the preamble. I explained that RMA's comments on "substantially similar" had been submitted as a response to the ANPRM on Early Warning Reporting, and would be addressed in the NPRM on Early Warning Reporting. I advised her that the factors proposed for "substantially similar" in the Foreign Defect NPRM should be considered solely in the context of that rulemaking, and that the factors NHTSA will propose in the Early Warning Reporting NPRM may not be identical.

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